Children safeguard from Diseases

1267. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the UNICEF has reported that the time has come to put an end to neglect of children;

(b) if so, whether according to the report 40,000 young children die every day and for millions more remain malnourished, blinded, suffer from brain damage and are disabled;

(c) whether a number of measures have been suggested to overcome the problem; and

(d) whether Government have examined the report and the measures suggested to ensure safeguard the health of young children during the Seventh Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The measures suggested by UNICEF in the report are for the World as a whole. To safeguard the interest of children, Government of India have already taken steps in the field of immunisation, promotion of breastfeeding, proper weaning practices, Oral rehydration therapy for control of dehydration in diarrhoea, growth monitoring birth spacing as suggested by UNICEF in the ongoing health programmes and in ICDS projects run by Ministry of Human Resource Development.

Sethusamundram Project

1268. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Tamil Nadu Government has approached the Central Government to speedily clear and execute the Sethusamundram Project at Rameshwaram so that Ships sailing from the east-coast to the west-coast do not have to go around Sri Lanka any longer;

(b) whether the project has since been cleared by the Central Government and if not, what are the reasons for the delay; and

(c) by when this project is likely to be cleared by the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The project has not been included in the 7th Five Year Plan.

Corruption/mismanagement in DTC

1269. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been rampant corruption, mismanagement, faulty policies and lack of foresight in the working of the Delhi Transport Corporation;

(b) whether Government have inquired into the working of Delhi Transport Corporation;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what steps are being taken by Government to improve the working of D.T.C.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) The performance of D.T.C. is reviewed by the Government at different levels from time to time. The management policies are laid down after careful considerations. Whenever any case of irregu-

larity comes to notice, strict action, including suspension/termination of services of the defaulting employee, is taken.

(d) Measures to improve discipline and efficiency in the Delhi Transport Corporation are taken on a continuing basis. Some of the measures being adopted are replacement of over-aged buses, development of infrastructural facilities like depots and terminals, prescription of norms and targets for various performance parameters, refresher training of crew, mobile squads to check crew behaviour, speedy repair and maintenance of fleet, staff welfare, etc.

Finding of Enquiry Committee in World University Services Health Centre, New Delhi

1270. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1126 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th April, 1987 and state:

(a) what progress has been made in the enquiry being conducted by the University of Delhi against Dr. N. K. Suri, Medical Officer of the World University Services Health Centre;

(b) for how long the enquiry has been going on and how many times the enquiry officers were changed and by when it is likely to be completed;

(c) whether Dr. Suri and some witnesses had represented in writing against the partiality of the enquiry officer during the conduct of enquiry; and

(d) if so, what action has been taken on these representations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) the report of the Enquiry Officer in respect of the case of DR. N. K. Suri has been received and the same is under consideration of the authorities, according to the information received from Delhi University.

(b) The enquiry against Dr. Suri was started on 5th November, 1984. However, the earlier two Enquiry Officers left the enquiry at the initial stages and, therefore, the third Enquiry Officer was appointed and he started the enquiry in April, 1986.

(c) Dr. N. K. Suri represented in writing against the partiality of the Enquiry Officer. No witnesses, however, represented against the Enquiry Officer.

(d) No action was taken on his representation since there appeared no substance in the representation of Dr. N. K. Suri warranting change of Enquiry Officer.

रेल डाक सेवा (आर०एम०एस०) के कर्मचारियों को क्षय रोग होने की शिकायतें

1271. **श्री शांति त्यागी** : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि डाक विभाग की रेल डाक सेवा (आर.एम. एस) के कर्मचारियों में क्षयरोग होने की बहुत शिकायतें आ रही है जिनकी एक कारण यह बताया गया है कि जब कर्मचारी डाक के बड़े-बड़े थैलों में पत्र तथा डाक की अन्य वस्तुएं भरते हैं, तो उनको सांस के साथ धूल भी जाती है,

(ख) क्या सरकार ने इस मामले में कोई जांच कराई है, और यदि हां, तो उसके क्या निष्कर्ष हैं, और

(ग) सरकार आर. एम. एस. के कर्मचारियों में क्षयरोग के निवारण हेतु डाक के थैलों को धूल रहित रखने के लिए क्या उपाय कर रही है ?

संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री संतोष मोहन देव) : (क) सर्किलों से अपेक्षित जानकारी एकत्र की जा रही है।